

REMARKS

Claims 110-115, 119, 123 and 127 drawn to methods are now pending in this application, and, Claims 36-109, 117, 118, 121, 122, 125, 126, 129 and 130 are cancelled without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents. This is permitted, as Applicants are entitled to file a CPA in this application in view of its January 24, 2000 filing date, and an applicant may change a previous election in a CPA, i.e. Applicants may now pursue method claims in this case via CPA. Applicants reserve the right to pursue cancelled subject matter in a divisional application.

No new matter is added.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

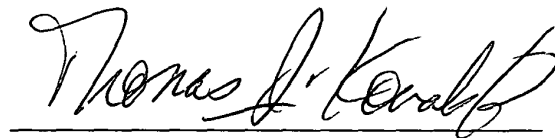
If any issue remains as an impediment to allowance, an interview is respectfully requested prior to issuance of any paper other than a Notice of Allowance; and, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to arrange a mutually convenient time and manner therefor.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and amendments herewith, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The undersigned looks forward to hearing favorably from the Examiner at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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